

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

ALIEN INVADERS

SERIES 1
#16



REED CANARY GRASS

Phalaris arundinacea

BASIC ID

This large, coarse grass reaches 2'-9' tall, has wide 3"-10" flat leaf blades that taper at the ends. It forms dense stands.

HISTORY

Native to Eurasia and N. America, vigorous varieties of this perennial have been planted in wetlands for decades. It spreads by seeds and underground stems and can blanket an area. It prefers disturbed areas and moist soils.

MANAGEMENT

- Prescribed burns followed by herbicide
- Mowing in spring and fall followed by herbicide

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/invasive/

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